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ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS

Tampa, FL - U.S. Attorney A. Brian Albritton announces that U.S. District Judge Richard Lazzara today sentenced Gregory Ortiz (age 27, of Trinity, Florida) to 15 years in federal prison for being a convicted felon possessing ammunition. Ortiz was sentenced as an Armed Career Criminal because of three prior convictions for sale of cocaine. Ortiz had pleaded guilty on January 22, 2010.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jeffrey S. Downing.

This is another case prosecuted as a part of the Department of Justice's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" program - a nationwide, gun-violence reduction strategy led by ATF. United States Attorney A. Brian Albritton, along with Virginia O'Brien, Special Agent in Charge, ATF Tampa Field Division, is coordinating the Project Safe Neighborhoods effort here in the Middle District of Florida in cooperation with federal, state, and local law enforcement officials.